

REMARKS

The Office Action dated April 1, 2009, has been reviewed and the comments therein were carefully considered by the Applicants. Claims 48-82 and 99-114 are pending in the present application. By the present Amendment, no claims have been added or cancelled, and claims 99-106 have been amended to recite a “tangible machine-readable storage medium.” Accordingly, claims 48-82 and 99-114 are currently at issue. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the Examiner’s rejections and allowance of all claims in the present Application in light of these amendments.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 101

In paragraph 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 99-106 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. In paragraph 6 of the Office Action, the Examiner advised that claims 99-106 should be amended to read “machine readable *storage* medium,” which would presumably overcome the rejections under § 101. Applicants have amended claims 99-106 as advised by the Examiner, and respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections under § 101. Claims 99-106 were not rejected on any other basis. Accordingly, Applicants submit that claims 99-106 are allowable.

Allowable Subject Matter

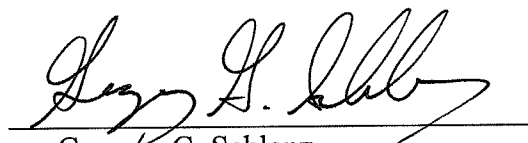
In paragraph 5 of the Office Action, the Examiner stated that claims 48-82 and 107-114 are allowable over the prior art of record. Applicants thank the Examiner for his acknowledgment of patentable subject matter, and agree that claims 48-82 and 107-114 are allowable, for at least the reasons stated in the Office Action.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections in the Office Action in light of this Amendment. Applicants respectfully submit that pending claims 48-82 and 99-114 are in condition for allowance, and a notice thereof is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned should it be deemed necessary to facilitate prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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